Merritt, Ferriss P.

1919-1928

May 9, 1919

Harris P. Merritt, Esq.,
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting of the Council upon nomination of Mr. Sydney P. Noe you were unanimously elected an Associate Member of The American Numismatic Society.

You already know that we are very glad to see you whenever you can visit us --- and happy to be able to think of you now as a "numismatist".

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

July 1, 1919.

Ferris P. Merritt Esq.,
615 West 136th St.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Merritt:-

In response to your inquiry I beg to advise that although I believe our Library is as complete of it's kind as any in America, the only publications dealing with War Medals and Decorations which we have been able to secure are those published by our former Director, Mr. B. L. Belden and the chapter in Dodd, Mead's book on Army and Navy uniforms and insignia.

Mr. Belden's book does not touch the period of the present war at all nor do I know of any volume which does so. ~~Should~~ If you learn of any such publications I should be very glad to have ~~it~~ them drawn to our attention as I feel sure the interest in the decorations conferred by this war is bound to ~~come~~ grow.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

January 28, 1920

Mr. Ferriss Powell Merritt
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I am sending you the enclosed memorandum because I fear that unless we receive your cheque for 1919 dues before the next meeting of the Council on Monday, February 2nd, they may invoke a rule which involves the dropping of members who have not paid their dues for the previous year. I know you would be as unwilling to have this happen as we should, and consequently I am taking the liberty of calling the matter to your attention.

I would again inform you that we are holding a registered package from Washington for you here.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

(Enclosure)

September 27th, 1920.

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt,
615 West 136th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Merritt:-

I noticed a very interesting article by you in yesterday's Times on the War's Highest Roll of Honor. You certainly have given a very attractive account. Will you let me know the name and address of your publishing agent ?

You would also confer a great favor if you would straighten out the matter of your account here. It puts you in a very bad light with the "Powers-that-be, and might interfere with the granting of requests for material you might desire later, which we would have to refer higher. As you are aware this account has been running for over a year. I trust to receive your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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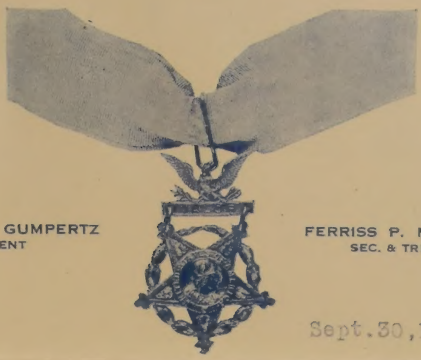
UNITED STATES ARMY
MEDAL OF HONOR



SYDNEY G. GUMPERTZ
PRESIDENT

FERRISS P. MERRITT
SEC. & TREAS.

DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE CROSS

Sept.30,1920

Dear Mr.Noe,

I am very glad to answer your letter upon receipt but I certainly wont ever answer any such as I have lately had from Mr.Wyman. I appreciate fully just the position I am placed in about my indebtedness there, but one is forced sometime to choose the lesser of two evils and in this case protracted illness in my family resulting in death recently has made it impossible for me to meet anything but current bills. My head wont be far enough above water for ten days yet to pay the account at which time it will be met fully.

I havent had an agent in a year as I found that I could do better myself and then also I did very little magazine work or much else this summer except attend the sick and am now placing my own things entirely, in fact I have so much in hand to do that I am snowed under. The work includes finishing the proof reading etc of four books all now in the course of publication, one that is just getting into the printers hands on the medal of honor, the Jewish book, circular herewith etc.

The magazine and newspaper work includes three stories fo for the Marines Magazine, a review of Colonel Wallies book for the times in which incidentally a great deal of credit is given the Numismatic SOciety and if possible a photo of the building and interior which I had from Mr.Wood some time ago. I am also starting a series of ten stories for Victory Hall to be used in their drive and literature and a lot of other stuff enough to keep me hot at it all winter. This is not all numismatics but a result of the issue of medals and the personal end of it.

Thank you for your courteous letter and kind suggestion I will be straight with the world within a month now happily and can again pursue the evn tenor of my ways. I called the society on the phone some time since and it was stated that Mr.Wood was in Europe will you inform me if he has returned.

I notice that the Numismatist states that the annual

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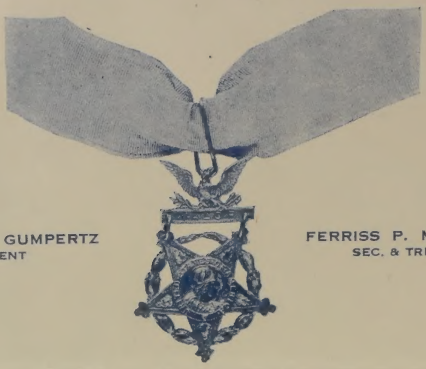

SYDNEY G. GUMPERTZ
PRESIDENT

FERRISS P. MERRITT
SEC. & TREAS.

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has been published,if so I havent had a copy.

You will probably be interested in the fact that I have made,completed yesterday, a film of the Victory Medal following the article in the Times of July 4th/ beginning with a view of MR. FRaser in his studio right on thru to delivery as stated in the enclosed synopsis,it is possible that you ~~like~~ may want to use it in some way,if so I am retaining a print of it for my personal usebefore it is delivered to the Governmentand will loan it for any purpose the society desires,

Yours very truly

F.P. Merritt

Please excuse rotten typing

MOTION PICTURE

of

THE VICTORY MEDAL

Main Title

THE VICTORY MEDAL
awarded by the United States to
all soldiers, sailors and marines
of honorable service between
April 6-1917 and November 1-1918

The above title is illustrated with photos of each type of medal - Domestic, Foreign and Battle and dissolves into the

Sub-Title

Produced By

FERRISS POWELL MERRITT
from his articles in Collier's Weekly,
Home Sector, American Legion Weekly
and New York Times Magazine.
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This in turn dissolves into the title of the first action scene.

Scene I

JAMES EARL FRASER

Soulptor

selected by the United States Commission
of Fine Arts to create the American design.

Showing Mr. Fraser in his studio.

SceneII

THE VICTORY OF SAMOTHRACE

Famous statue in Paris Louvre
designated by the Interallied
Military Commission as basic
design for all the Allies.

This dissolves into a view of Mr. Fraser at his easel working on the clay model obverse, then dissolves into same view showing model of reverse.

Scene III

Sculptor's Plaster Model

Obverse: Victory Triumphant in arrested flight
Reverse: Combatant Allies of the United States

Scene IV

First Completed Medal

Sculptor's sample electrotype as approved by Secretary of War Baker

Scene V

Engraved Steel Dies

Positive and negative made at the United States Mint, Philadelphia
George T. Morgan - Engraver.

Scene VI

LOUIS V. ARONSON
of Newark, N. J.

Principal contractor for Three Million Victory Medals.
Inventor of many manufacturing processes.

Scene VII

First Manufacturing Operation

Cutting disks from sheets of bronze (90% Copper - 10% Tin)

Showing Mr. Aronson starting the operation.

Scene VIII

Electric Annealing Furnace

Heat treating of the disks preparatory to stamping.

Scene IX

The First Strike

Subjecting softened bronze disks to 175 ton blow.

Shows machine at work and dissolves into close up view.

Scene X

200 Pounds Pressure

Surfacing and finishing medals

Close up view of this operation shows jaws of machine.

Scene XI

Assembly of Metal Parts

Joining bars and rings for welding and brazing.

Scene XII

Final Finishing Operations

Cleaning and polishing by sand blast and lacquer spray

General view of room dissolving into close up of spraying rack of medals

Scene XIII

Automatic Ribbon Cutting

Specially designed machine delivering proper length cuts of the double rainbow ribbon. Assembling ribbon and medal.

Scene XIV

Top Bar and Ribbon Assembly

Hand work by girls sewing ribbon and attaching to bar pins.

Scene XV

Five Bar Medal

Worn by veteran of the Second Division. Four battle clasps and one for the Defensive Sector.

Scene shows soldier in uniform before U.S. Flag in act of saluting and dissolves into close up view of the medal as above on his breast.

Scene XVI

ADOLPH A. WEINMAN

Sculptor

Designer of the Victory Button in silver for wounded and bronze for all others for civilian wear indicating possession the Victory Medal.

Scene shows Mr. Weinman and dissolves into close up view of the model of Victory Button.

"The Jewish Legion of Valor"

A Synopsis of the Contents of the Volume

Introduction

An introduction prefatory to the volume written by a very prominent Jew outlining the full Americanization and complete loyalty of the Jews in the United States.

Preface

By the authors stating the scope of the volume to be a record of the bravery and distinguished battle service of the Jews in the recent war and particularly of those granted decorations for individual feats of extreme heroism.

Chapter One

The Military History of the Jews. An outline reciting the battle record from earliest times as a cohesive race and enumerating the campaign service and exploits of the Jew as a citizen of the nations, emphasizing the loyalty, sacrifice and bravery of the Jew in the country of his adoption.

Chapter Two

The Jewish and American Draft Law. A comparison of the Mosaic military law of Old Testament times with the United States Law of 1917 showing the basic value of the old law and its fairness and the drafting of the American Draft Law from that source.

Chapter Three

A Statistical Chapter. The general participation of the Jews of America in the recent war and the valuable services rendered, compiled from the official government records and the records of the Jewish War Committee.

Chapter Four

The Congressional Medal of Honor, U. S. Army. The complete history and story of this supreme award of the American Army for exceptional valor in battle concluding with the record of the awards made in the War with Germany and the authentic story of the awards made to the Jewish soldiers, Gumpertz, Kauffman and Sawelson.

Chapter Five

The Distinguished Service Cross, U. S. Army. The complete history and story of this honor granted by the U. S. Army for distinguished service in battle and a recitation of the personal exploits of the two hundred Jews who gained the honor.

Chapter Six

Alphabetical and Statistical Index and Appendix. Alphabetical index of the names of all Jews decorated for battle service together with facsimiles of official citations and statistical records.

Illustrations

Color plates of the Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross. Frontispiece in full color of Gumperts' portrait by Joseph Cummins Chase. Drawings of the exploits of the three Jews who won the Medal of Honor, scenes showing the artist's conception of how the supreme award was earned in battle by each man. Photographs of the honor men of the Jewish race decorated for distinguished service in battle. Scenes of decoration of soldiers with the D.S.C. and Medal of Honor in France. Decorations of chapter headings and tail pieces representing organization and corps insigne, etc.

Authors

Ferriss Powell Merritt, Member American Numismatic Society; Author of "Decorations of the Great War;" "Medals of the United States Army and Navy;" "The Victory Medal;" "The Legion of Honor;" Recent contributor to the Home Sector, American Legion Weekly, Colliers Weekly, Navy Life, The U. S. Naval Monthly, Newspaper Feature Service, New York Times Magazine, etc., on related subjects, The Supreme Award, The Victory Medal, the D. S. M. Club, The Ribbon Vampires, Corp Badges, Generals D. S. C., etc.

Sydney G. Gumpertz, 1st Sergeant, Company E, 132nd Infantry, A. E. F. Recipient of the Medal of Honor, Medaille Militaire, Croix de Guerre, with Palm, Valor Medal of Montenegro. 1st Lieutenant Officers Reserve Corps.

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101 West 42nd Street

New York City

October 1st, 1920

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
101 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I have your letter of the 30th, and I am glad that you wrote me as you did. I am sorry that you have been bereaved and quite understand your position.

Mr. Wood had returned and he asks me to write that he wants to see you, as I do also. As you know, the Museum is now closed on Mondays with one of us in charge. Mr. Lyman will be here next Monday and Mr. Wood on the succeeding one, October 11th, at which time Mr. Lyman will presumably be absent. If you could make it convenient to call at that time, we should like to see you very much.

I have been seeing some of your work in the periodicals and think you are to be congratulated upon your success. I am interested in the film you describe. Success to it! We shall be glad to hear how it goes.

Your apologies for the typing reminds me of the "poem" I saw from Life recently - it started off the first line, which was very pentametic in appearance, stating that "My secretary has gone to the country", the final line was made a mixture of numerals, asterisks and caps. that no rhyme nor reason could be obtained from it - not that your letter is quite as bad as this!

The article in the Centennial picturing Fraser and Manship should, it seems to me, make the photographer liable to a suit for libel on Manship's part.

I have no doubt that you will have many interesting things to tell us when we see you.

Very cordially yours,

November 29th, 1920.

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt,
615 West 136th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Merritt:-

I presume you will have received your card for the meeting of December 6th and have the topic in mind, and are taking all the necessary steps towards having things here at that time. Do you not feel, if possible, that it would be well to have the machine here by Friday or at the latest Saturday of this week so that should there happen to be any hitches in the electrical connections, they can be overcome? Did you get the material from Mr. Aronson? It seems to us that it might be well for you to have a brief explanation about the film and how it is to be used. You could speak semi-informally. What do you think about it?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

December 7th, 1920

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

On behalf of the American Numismatic Society, I beg to transmit to you the cordial thanks of our members for the opportunity of seeing the film illustrating the production of the Victory medals, which you so kindly exhibited at our meeting of December 6th. We all realized the value of such a production calling the attention of the men who are entitled to them to the fact that a Victory Medal can be obtained by them. The details of the preparation - the annealing, striking and finishing, were features in which we were especially interested; but I think these features will have an even greater interest for those who know little about them. I feel sure that your efforts in this direction are going to bring you a deserved success.

The views of Victory Hall, New York's war memorial, were also very interesting.

May I add a word of personal thanks in appreciation for your courtesy in placing the result of your work at our disposal.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

WB/E

January 7th, 1922

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
4 East 36th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

[illegible] this evidence of your continuing interest, and note that this matter has not been overlooked.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 10th, 1922

F. P. Merritt, Esq.
4 East 36th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

We had a meeting of our Publication Committee yesterday. The Committee is of the opinion that it would be decidedly worth while to have our Society publish the Victory Medal. They are, however, very firmly opposed to the reprinting of any material which has seen a previous publication, but there has been a suggestion which may solve the present situation -

Why couldn't you prepare an article which would treat the Victory Medal in all its varied national forms?. In this way, the United States medal could head the list, and the material you already have could be merely [illegible]
How soon could you do it?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

CPN/E

October 5th, 1922.

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt,
4 East 36th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Merritt:-

We are enclosing herewith the third bill for your dues for 1922, as well as that of Miss Ellen D. Orr and Miss Christa A. Ross as directed by you in January.

Under our by-laws members may be dropped from our roll, if in arrears for twelve months.

We can not send you further publications till the current dues are paid.

Will you not give this matter your attention ?

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

December 8th, 1933

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your nice letter with its enclosure arrived yesterday. Thank you very much indeed.

We also received Miss Orr's Christmas gift, and a certain librarian that I know is tremendously elated!

Glad to hear that your health is better.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

January 16th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

This is a formal notification that you have been duly elected a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society, a circumstance which gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

Thank you for your cheque. Your support is very greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

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NEW YORK

January 29, 1924.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Chairman,
Committee on Indian Peace Medals,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am very much interested in the Indian Medal, which for convenience sake, we will call the "Lepper Medal", and if it can be purchased for the Society for any amount up to $350, I will present that amount to your Committee.

I also hand you herewith my check for $100. as a contribution to be expended under your direction in the general work of this Committee.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

FPM:M
Enc.

January 29th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City
Suite 1008

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your letter and your "mite" reached me this morning. Had we a few more mites as big as this, we might do a lot! You are very generous indeed. Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPW/Y

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NEW YORK

February 16, 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I am sending you by registered mail the three medals I mentioned over the telephone, for presentation to the Society if you do not now possess them.

I am anxious to keep the two circular medals if the Society has duplicates; otherwise I will be glad to contribute them to your Committee.

Please advise me.

Yours very truly,

F P Merritt

FPM:M

Feb. 20, 1924.

Dear Mr. Metritt:-

It is a pleasure to enclose the list of books on the Victoria Cross which you desired. I am a little surprised that there is not a larger number of them, but I assumed that you did not desire the articles which have appeared in the various periodicals. If I am not correct in this, will you please return the list, and they can very easily be added.

Please notice the last entry on the list, which is merely some half-dozen sheets with a supplement, but which may be the list for which you asked. On second thought, I shall enclose it, and you can return it if it is not of value to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

July 17th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I received a communication from F. F. Downing & Co. asking us to advance $33.85 against the package of books of which you telephoned me last week. I am enclosing a carbon copy of my letter to them, and as soon as I have the telephone response, for which I have asked, I will let you know. I am sending this to you in the meantime so that you will have an understanding of the situation.

I append a copy of the items there charged, for your information.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Enc.

1 package ex. MAJESTIC

Duties & Deposits $1&C per cent.	15	$30.00	
Internal Rev. War Tax bonds		1.00	
Foreign reimbursement charges		.75	
Labor, storage		2.10	
Entry Custom House Fees		5.00	
Carting for shipping		1.00	$33.85

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
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NEW YORK

September 4, 1924.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I note on Page 561 of the September Numismatist something of the activity of the Belgium Numismatic Society.

I wonder if you remember our telephone conversation about proposing me for membership there.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Sydney P. Noe, Esquire,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

September 5th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Thank you for your letter reminding me about Membership in the Belgian Numismatic Society. I fear it slipped my mind entirely, and I am very sorry.

I am enclosing a carbon of my letter to the Society, and you will doubtless hear from them direct in a very short time.

I am leaving today for my month's vacation. You will remember that when we last talked about books, you said that we could get together some time after you returned from Chicago. In
In the meantime, we have received here six packages of books addressed to the Society and sent by James Bain of 14 King William Street, Strand. I have put these aside and have told Mr. Wood about them. When you have a chance to come up, you could go over them - or, of course, that can wait until I get back if it seems more desirable to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Enc. Secretary

Dear Mr. Noe:

Herewith copy for your information.

FPM

November 11, 1924.

Dear Mr. Bain:

I find that The American Numismatic Society hasn't a copy of Ashmole's Order of the Garter, London, 1672, and I would like to obtain another copy for them.

If you can obtain one at a reasonable price in good condition, will you kindly ship it to The American Numismatic Society, 156th Street & Broadway, New York City, and send me a bill for same and I will remit at once.

I have now received all of my packages of books, together with those that went to the Society, and they are entirely satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merwith

To -

James Bain, Esq.,
14 King William Street,
London, W. C.,
England.

FPM:M

Nov. 12, 1924.

Dear Mr. Merritt:-

First of all, this is to thank you for your hospitality today - not for the luncheon invitation merely, nor yet for having sent your car after me, although both were mightily appreciated. More than either, I am grateful for the interest you showed in our work and in its progressing. I shall try my best to see that some of the ideas expressed are brought to fruition.

Of the six volumes which I brought with me, the following are not in our Library:-

Tuttock "For Valour" The "V. C." 1895
Parry Britain's Roll of Glory 1896
Parry The V. C.; Its Heroes and Their Valour
Wonderful Stories; Winning the V. C. in the Great War.
Our Soldiers and the Victoria Cross.

You spoke of sending the two volumes of Parry, but I shall leave your notes therein as you requested. As I understood it, you were presenting the Library with - or did I misunderstand, and do you want me to appropriate all of them? The duplicated volume is Jackson's "The Medal Collector".

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

November 13th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

This is just to acknowledge the alphabetical list of recipients of the Victoria Cross, together with the additional data of which you spoke yesterday. This is now up to date - which is just what it should be, if any one comes who wants to know what we have on the Victoria Cross.

I am enclosing for your information, in case you care to look it up, a communication which we received this morning regarding the Gaunt collection which is, apparently, in the possession of Mr. L. A. Biggs, 52 West 46th Street. I note that there are sixty-one medals, but I doubt that the description of the "1 each kind ever issued by British Government to 1913" is correct. However, he is not very far from you, and if it would amuse you to look it up in your spare time, we should be glad to hear what you discover. I have written Mr. Biggs as per the enclosed.

I wrote to Mr. Gillingham last night.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Encs.

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
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25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

November 17, 1924.

My dear Mr. Noe:

Replying to your letter of November 12th, it is of course my idea that you put all of these volumes on the accession list, but before you put the recent volume of Parry on, I would like to use it for a short time and would appreciate your sending it back to me.

I mean the one that has an extensive lot of marked notes therein.

Sincerely yours,

F P Merritt

To -

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

Harrold E. Gillingham

December 4th, 1924

Ferries P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Enclosed, is a circular which we received through Colonel Wallis this morning. Possibly it has already come to your attention. Is this the work of which you told me you had heard? We have sufficient funds in our Library Account to order a copy, and I will do so as soon as I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary

December 9th, 1924

Morris F. Merritt, Esq.
45 East 42rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

It has been proposed by Mr. Knoville that your Committee hold a meeting on Friday, December 12th, at the office of Mr. Fidlith, 41 East 42rd Street, at 3.15 p.m. This will precede the meeting of the Council which takes place at four o'clock; and it is Mr. Howell's suggestion that you remain for the meeting of the Council, at which the regular order of business will be set aside so that you can present the plan already outlined by your Committee, together with any new details which may be decided upon.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
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25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

December 8th, 1924.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I have on order two copies of the V. C. and D.S.O. books described on folder mentioned in your letter of December 4th at Bain's, to be shipped direct to The Numismatic Society.

When these arrive, please send me one set and keep the other as a contribution.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

F. P. MERRITT & Co.
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25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

December 15, 1924.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I have a letter from Mr. Bain in London stating that he has received a good, sound copy of Ashmole's Order of the Garter, for which I have remitted, and directed him to ship to the Society as a gift.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

December 16th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Thank you for your letter of the 15th.

If we had a few more good friends of the library such as you, it would not be long before we should be compelled to seek larger quarters.

Sincerely yours,

Librarian & Secretary

December 20th, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The copy of Ashmole, about which you wrote me, has just been received - and a very nice copy it is! Even if it has not the magnificence of binding of your own, it is something which should be on our Decorations shelf. There are references to many other Orders than that of the Garter, I find. Thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

JAMES BAIN
JAMES S. BAIN
-14-
KING WILLIAM
STREET
STRAND
LONDON, W.C.

24. Dec. 1902

F. P. Merritt Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have now received the two sets of Creagh and Humphris, the V.C. and D.S.O. Books price £7/6/- each, and have sent the same in three parcels, by parcel post, addressed to the American Numismatic Society 156th Street and Broadway New York City.

Trusting you will receive the same safely in due course, and with thanks

I remain

Yours faithfully

James Bain

F. P. MERRITT & Co.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

January 5, 1925.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Herewith notification from Mr. Bain of some books en route to you.

This is the set of volumes concerning which you sent me a circular. One set is for the Society, and the other to be sent to me upon arrival.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M
Enclosure

April 28th, 1925

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

You will recall in connection with Mr. Belden's Indian Peace Medal report at the Annual Meeting of a year ago, that you offered to contribute Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) toward the cost of printing his article on these medals. The article has now been submitted for publication, and I am writing to ask, in view of the lapse of time, whether your generous proposal still holds. Another of our members has offered to contribute Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00). The indications are that the volume will cost in the neighborhood of Twelve Hundred Dollars ($1,200.00).

Did you go to the General Pershing Testimonial at the Hippodrome last Saturday? I didn't see you, but thought it likely that you might have been there.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 6th, 1925

Ferries P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I am sending you, herewith, Mr. Belden's manuscript. The delay has been due to my having waited until I received his permission. After you have read it, please let me know, and I will come for it and talk the matter over with you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Francis P. Garrett Esq
25 W. 43 St.

New York, May 6th 25

Received from THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,

BROADWAY, AT 156TH ST.

1 Package Manuscript -

May 15th, 1925

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Some time ago you told me that you would like to have a Joan of Arc medal if we should get hold of one. We now have a silver specimen, and I am wondering if you still want it. Will you let me know please? The price is Ten Dollars.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

October 9th, 1925

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I have just received a new Victory medal issued in England. The obverse is the same as the regular English medal, but the reverse reads: "The Great War for Civilization", both in English and Dutch. This medal was for the South African troops. As far as I am able to learn, it was the only variant of the English Victory Medal, and was undoubtedly issued in two languages for political reasons, as we find the stamps and the money for South Africa as well as documents written in both languages.

Trusting to see you some time soon,

Very truly yours,

Curator

F. P. MERRITT & Co.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

December 7, 1925.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I notice in your Librarian's report mention of a book called Hume's 'Medical Book of Merit', an attempt to record "U. S. Army and Navy Decorations Awarded to Medical Officers for Distinguished Service in the World War".

Will you please see if you can obtain me a copy, and oblige

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

December 8th, 1925

F. P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your letter of the 7th at hand, and I shall be very glad to order for you a copy of Hume's "Medical Book of Merit".

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

F. P. MERRITT & Co.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

December 17, 1925.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you very much for procuring Hume's "The Medical Book of Merit" for me. I am remitting to them direct the amount called for on the bill.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:H

June 15th, 1926

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Many thanks for the letter which you have forwarded to us with regard to the Congressional Life Saving Medal.

Very truly yours,

Curator

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

September 21, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am going to attend early in October, an American Legion Post Dinner and have been asked to tell the members thereof, something about our American Army Medals.

It occurred to me that it would be desirable to have with me a selection of army medals including the medal of honor "D. S. C. D. S. M." and the various service medals encased in some manner so that they would not be handled. I will, of course, bear any expense in making the proper case if it is possible to arrange the loan of these items to me for this or other similar occasions.

Very truly yours,

F. P. Merritt

FPM:M

September 22nd, 1926.

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your favour requesting the loan of United States Army Medals just received. I will turn over your letter to Mr. Newell, for him, if he thinks best, to place before the Council in a written communication, as, presumably, the dinner you mention is to take place before the date of our next Council meeting.

I am now working out the dimensions for the frame for the medals. I think perhaps it might be a good idea to make a lay-out for just the United States medals, and another one to include the different Victory medals.

I will let you know the details of this frame later.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 25, 1927

Mr. F. P. Merritt,
U. S. Veterans Hospital,
Oteen, N. C.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Mr. Belden within the past hour has handed me your letter of sometime ago to him, giving your new address. Although I have heard faint rumors that you had not been well, from what Mr. Belden said and your letter, I should judge you have had quite a siege of it and that you would be sometime there. However, make the most of your opportunities and get all you can out of it. I understand it is a pretty place and those down there like it. I had a niecea few years ago doing C. T. A. work. The next time I see her, I will ask her if she knows anyone there now and if she does and they are worth while, I will have them look you up.

Belden's book is at last coming along. I am having a printer figure on it. I have been working over it for over a year and I am afraid if you had read it through, you would not have recognized it now and I am rather inclined to think that poor Belden would not recognize his own child.

Things are coming along up here in about the same way. Miss Earle is no longer with us. Arthur Wyman, who has been in Europe for about five years, is back in this country but not with us. John Reilly who has been in China for fourteen months is back again. We have a fairly entertaining existence as always some queer and interesting people come in. Noe is not in today or I know he would ask me to convey his best wishes. You are not missing much by not being here. We have it fiery hot one day and freeze the next. While the people in the city in general are about as crooked as ever.

Drop us a line when you are able to. Believe all of us

Very sincerely yours,

HW:MB

May 9, 1927

Mrs. Ferriss P. Merritt,
Hotel Martha Washington,
29 East 29th St.,
New York City

Dear Mrs. Merritt:

A little over a month ago I learned of Mr. Merritt's illness and that he contemplated leaving New York for medical treatment. I have been intending to try to get further information since then and only last week called up your husband's office. They suggested my writing to you.

My thought, aside from informing myself as to Mr. Merritt's condition, was that possibly he might care to have me drop him a line. There would be nothing whatever of a business nature in my communication. My only fear was that he might be too ill to care to have any one write him. You may know that when he was ill previously, he used to come to our Museum while he was recuperating and that we got to know him at that time. In writing I should be able to do little more than to express my sympathy and to hope that he is on the road to being himself once more. I hope you can tell me that he is improving.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPM:MB

March 1-1927

Dear Mr. Roe-

My husband would be more than delighted to hear from you. He is a bed patient now and his only comfort is receiving letters from friends and a very little bit of reading.

However I am happy to say he is, at last, rebounding to the rest and treatment. He has lost many pounds - weighed 166 pounds a year

ago. He told me often how much I owe him & there helped him to reinstate.

You may not know Lewis lost a very considerable sum of money - in fact, all we had, which brought about a mental condition resulting in malnutrition and tuberculosis.

Just a line now to you and Mr. Neal occasionally and I know him tremendously.

Love may address

and a half ago and now is 111. The doctor says the weight is the least of our worries, and since they have succeeded in reducing his temperature to normal most of the time and created a desire for, and ability to handle more food, he will soon take on weight.

Indeed I did know your many hours - months I might say, I spent in the Museum eight years

ago. He let me know how much coin we have helped him to accumulate.

You may not know Bessie lost a very considerable sum of money - in fact, all we had, which brought about a mental condition, resulting in malnutrition and tuberculosis.

Just a line now from you and Mr. Dear occasionally would bless him tremendously.

Your may address

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U. S. Veterans Hospital,
Item No. Includes
Nos. 1-3

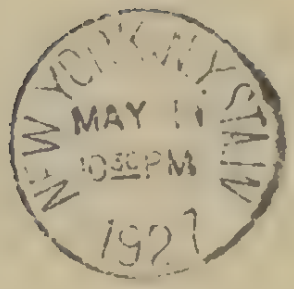
Thank you Mr. Vail
for your kindness and
interest.

Sincerely yours,

Viola Ver Meulen

Mr. Sidney P. Noe
The American Numismatic Society
Audubon Terrace 155 and 156 Sts
New York, N.Y.

From Mrs. Francis L. Merritt
25 N. 13½ Street,
Newark, N.J.



Mr. Sidney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Bet. 155th & 156th Sts
Audubon, N.Y.

March 7-1927.

Dear Mr. P.-

Your kind & generous thoughtful letter of May 12th has not been due to ingratitude - I have been harassed needle with the task of disposing of our apartment in a satisfactory arrangement.

I am happy to say to you & everything was satisfactorily

this week, I am sure he will win. He had an awful bad attack.

You asked if there is anything you could do for Louise — a letter now and then would be appreciated by Lin more than anything.

Do let me hear from you often & tell me how you are getting

this moment I am making me to leave for Schenectady tomorrow noon.

Ray received his mail enclosed and the letter must regard the question of my release. I regret to be over hastily but I had my packing with help since about and I had my mother with me. Exactly in the letter of "Blue" can send him through

this subject, Dan sure be
with him. He had so
many lines of that sort
the last visit time.

Now asking time is
something you could do
for Jesus — a little now
and then — would be
appreciated by him more
than anything.

He is also welcome
to Sunday School Monthly
and Meeting every other

this morning time making me to leave for Asheville tomorrow noon.

My husband has not answered my letter written last Thursday. I have been disappointed in not hearing from him. I am afraid he is not well. I wrote to Mrs. Wilson, which I received two days ago. He did not write. I

you have finished reading
this I will follow suit
with my letter.

Regards Bobbins, Tinny
Mick, Jemima, Nuddie Dave,
Saturday Evening Post and
the daily and Sunday New
York Times — Hope and
"Adventure" but, please,
reading is the only diversion.
Evening and Knitting
Needles and Wicks for
Real Cowards
(No Jews!) Ida Dan Hewett

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

POST CARD

185:—Bird's eye view of Government Hospital, Oteen, N. C.

May 14, 1927

Mrs. Ferriss P. Merritt,
Hotel Martha Washington,
29 East 29th St.,
New York City

Dear Mrs. Merritt:

I had heard indirectly a short while ago that Mr. Merritt was ill at Ottawa and later Mr. Vallom confirmed this. Was very sorry to hear of his illness. I do know, however, that it is a delightful place to be there and it is a really fine place to be in for recuperation. I wrote your husband about three weeks ago and will drop him a line again shortly. I know just how it is when one is cooped up in bed, any little thing from the outside world is a tonic.

Is there any little thing I can send him to amuse him? Would he be interested in a lot of cheap stamps to fool with? I also have here a lot of prints and illustrations, bits of ribbon and so forth of foreign decorations and medals that a collector gave me a while ago, who was making an illustrated scrap book of every foreign decoration. These illustrations I have are duplicates and what he did not use in his book. They are of no value, but I was saving them, thinking they might interest someone who was starting a collection. Do you think F.P.M. would be interested in these to fuss over and play with. They are of no value at all so he can throw them away whenhe gets through with them. Drop me a line if you think of anything I can do to amuse him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

- HW:MB

Dear Mr. Ford:

Please forgive my tardiness in acknowledging your very kind letter of May 14th.

I have been so busy endeavoring to make final financial arrangements to permit me leaving a few months in the Village of Etten near the U. S. Veterans Hospital and am glad to say

led. Forever in waiting,
remember that he has
not heard her plea. Release
his condition the Lessons
learn from strength of this
will follow him.

Am having the presence
with and the desire in
the tender light to see
him.

We may not have
his address or phone
number of him.

I should have left Rochester
tomorrow noon.

My husband has steadily
lost weight and is too weak
to do anything with the
ribbons. I was very thoughtful
of you to suggest it and
I do appreciate your interest.

The hints and illustrations
would have been good
letter from you would
help tremendously. He gets
so low and weary of the

Louise P. Nemitt
U. S. Veterans Hospital
Ward 1-3
Otteen Mt. Carmel

Again Thanking You
for your kindness I Remain
The
Friendly Nurse
Viola Ann Nemitt
(Mrs. Louise P.)

Dear Miss - Kindly Answer
Soon as you can

June 10, 1927

Mr. Ferris P. Merritt,
U. S. Veterans Hospital, Ward A-3,
Oteen, No. Carolina

Dear Mr. Merritt:

This morning I had a note from your wife telling me that she is planning to leave New York soon and I know that this will unquestionably give you joy and probably do you more good than a lot of medicine. If you were here you would probably be in the midst of the preparations for welcoming the returning flyer. There is a great deal of interest manifested in the decorations he has received and a number of window decorators for the Fifth Avenue Department Stores have applied to us for the loan of such material, characteristically ignoring that we could not possibly have the medal, which is being created for him especially. Notwithstanding this, however, it is just such events as this which concentrate popular attention on the importance of decorations. Perhaps, in a few hundred years we can educate them to a point where they will know something about them.

I think you knew Colonel Fales, did you not? He has been doing a considerable amount of constructive work along the right lines. Perhaps, Ford has told you about it? We were much gratified that Mr. Gillingham's last book, the one on "Spanish Decorations" met with a cordial reception. He has one or two others under way and, although there is not such a great amount of original material, still it is collected from widely scattered sources and the result is distinctly convenient.

Please do not trouble to acknowledge this rambling letter. It is sent more with an idea of letting you know that we do think of you and hope that the rain, and heavy hot weather will make you more comfortable and aid in your recovery.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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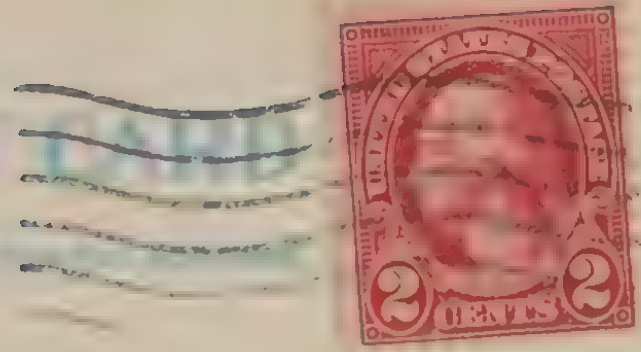

185:—Bird's eye view of Government Hospital, Oteen, N. C.

July 11, 1927

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt,
U. S. Veterans Hospital, Ward A-3,
Otsen, No. Carolina

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Last week we had a telephone message from your wife and both Mr. Todd and myself are sharing in her hope that your improvement from now on will be steady. She passed on a number of messages. I am not sure that I got them all straight. I gathered that you want to know of any books on decorations which have been published since 1924 in England. Thanks to Mr. Gillingham's generosity, we have been receiving any of the sort which have come to his attention, and I doubt very much that anything of any considerable importance has been published in this interval. If there is any particular title that you know is in preparation, we should be only too glad to get it, but if your desire was merely a general one, then I think it will have already been answered by what I said above.

Up to the present we have the following Victory Medals:-

Great Britain	France - regulars - volunteers
Union of South Africa	Italy
Japan	Greece
Portugal	Belgium
Cuba	Czecho-Slovakia

You also wanted to know the names on the reverse of the Roumanian Victory medal, where they are listed on the chain border. They are as follows, with the spelling as given there:-

Franta	Serbia
Anglia	America
Belgia	China
Grecia	Romania
Japonia	Italia

If you have heard of any other or learn of any others, we should be glad to get after them and try to get copies.

Things are rather quite here just now. Mr. Wood has gone during July for his vacation and I am rather busy with publication material and routine. You are often in our thoughts and I hope the warm weather will bring steady and more rapid improvement.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

SVW:MB

886 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio
August 24-'07.

Dear Mr. Roe:

Your last letter to Jessie enclosing the review of Twice Shared has travelled. He asked his nurse to forward it to me with a notation to write you and Mrs. Roe a

consolation letter.

Before I arrived in Columbus, I was summoned to Colonel and my dear dear husband passed away August fourteenth.

He bore up and a brave fight and did not submit to the inevitable until no other or hope before he did, when he

became unconscious.

On Friday afternoon he spoke of your letter the babies, and asked if I had written so please accept our belated congratulations and good wishes.

I wish to thank you for writing to Ferris - it pleased him tremendously. Your letters and those of

Mr. Ford and Mr. Belden kept him advised of happenings at the Society.

Please tell Mr. Ford I shall write him in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Viola Dow Merritt

17th November, 1927

Dear Mrs. Merritt:

Will you forgive me for troubling you on a matter of routine? I know that your interest in our Society was largely because of your husband's connection and I see no reason why you should want to continue the expense of membership, although I should be far from suggesting such a course under other circumstances. If you would prefer to have your name dropped from our roll of Associate Members, may I not have a line from you to that effect?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

12th January, 1928

Mrs. F. P. Merritt,
886 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Merritt:

Will you forgive me for troubling you on a matter of routine? I know that your interest in our Society was largely because of your husband's connection, and I see no reason why you should want to continue the expense of membership, although I should be far from suggesting such a course under other circumstances. If you would prefer to have your name dropped from our roll of Associate Members, may I not have a line from you to that effect?

Very truly yours,

Secretary